



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

September 2021

Officer Training

4-H Officer Training has been scheduled for **Monday, November 29th** at 6:30pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. All club officers should mark this on their calendars and plan to attend.

Record Book Screening

Geary County will be in charge of screening our own records this year. Screening will be held **October 4th from 8:30am to 7:00pm** at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. Each club is responsible for providing at least 4 adults to screen records. Older 4-H members are also welcome to judge. Screening our own records instead of records from another county will obviously be a change for us. Directions will be given to those screening records, one of which will be that no parent will be allowed to screen records for their own child. Please think about participating in this great learning experience that will help you to gain new ideas. You don't have to be a record book "expert" to participate.

4-H Enrollment

Required online enrollment for 4-H members is continuing for the 2021-22 4-H year. The system is currently shut down to prepare for enrollment but will reopen at 8:00am on October 1st. More information on how to re-enroll online will be sent out via email on October 1st.

Kansas 4-H Program Fee

Just a reminder that Kansas 4-H will continue to charge a \$15 fee per 4-H member (not including Cloverbuds) per year. Fortunately, the Geary County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors has agreed to pay this fee for all Geary County 4-H members at this time. Pay special attention to instructions that will be sent out with enrollment information on how to complete the payment portions of enrollment. If you pay the fee by credit card or check, you will not be reimbursed.

National 4-H Week

Don't forget National 4-H Week, October 3rd through 9th. Plan to participate in Geary County's National 4-H Week opportunities and 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend. Flyers with all of the details are included with this newsletter.

Achievement Celebration

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Sunday, November 7th at 5:30pm. Please put this date and time on your calendar and look for further details in the October newsletter. Set-up for the event will be held at 1:00pm that day. All help is greatly appreciated!

**Club Summary
Deadline**

Club summaries are due by 5:00pm on October 1st to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted.

**County-wide Project
Leaders Needed**

Do you have an interest or talent that you would like to share with 4-H members across the county during the next 4-H year? If so, please volunteer your time as a county-wide project leader by calling the Extension Office on or before October 1st. Let's all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

4-H Pictures Needed

Pictures are needed for a slide show showcasing the 4-H year at the Achievement Celebration. Pictures can be sent to, or dropped off at, the Extension Office or sent via email to gkopfer@ksu.edu before October 1st. We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your stash of 4-H photos and pick some out right away!

**Northeast Leadership
Event (NELE)**

Kansas 4-H is Falling into Leadership! 4-H members age 12 to 18 are invited to NELE on Saturday, October 16th from 9:30am to 5:00pm at Rock Springs Ranch. Registration is \$30 which includes lunch, snack, and a t-shirt. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for Geary County 4-H members who complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Registration is due by September 27th at <https://cvent.me/lzxY0g>. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new leadership skills, and enjoy fun classes!

**Kansas Youth
Leadership Forum**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2022. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 20th – 21st. Highlights of the forum will be inspirational speakers, workshops, and meeting new people. Contact the Extension Office or visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html> for more information and to register online. Registration will be open soon and classes will fill up, so don't delay. The registration deadline is October 15th.

**Kansas 4-H Youth
Leadership Council**

Online applications are available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 1st. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, and other events along with other duties. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**Milford Lake Cleanup
Day**

Milford Lake Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th. Volunteers are needed to help with this event and will meet at East Rolling Hills Shelter 1 at 9:00am. Volunteers will then go in groups to cleanup around the lake and will return to the shelter for lunch at noon. Please RSVP to Blake McPherrin at 641-895-6939.

State 4-H Dog Conference

State 4-H Dog Conference will be held October 23rd – 24th at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration is due by October 8th. Conference events include educational sessions, quiz bowl, skillathon, and many others. More information and link for required online registration can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html>. Cost is \$125 for full-time participants, \$75 for Saturday only, and \$50 for Sunday only. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for Geary County 4-H members who complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

4-H Council

Each club needs to select 2 youth and 2 adults as 4-H Council Representatives. The youth and adults that you select will be able to help make decisions about the county 4-H program. The next council meeting will be October 4th at 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. We will be reviewing the fair, electing officers, and assigning committees for the coming year. The tentative meeting agenda can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html>. The other meetings for the 2021-2022 year are scheduled for February 7 and June 6.

State Fair Exhibits

If you sent exhibits to the State Fair, please plan to pick them up at the Extension Office any time after 8:00am on Tuesday, September 21st. We appreciate having exhibits picked up soon after the end of the fair. You can find non-livestock 4-H results at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/15710> and 4-H livestock results will hopefully be available soon on the Kansas State Fair website at <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/>. Congratulations to all participants, it is an honor just to be able to enter exhibits, participate in judging contests, and show animals at the state fair!

Judging Team Participants

Congratulations to the following Geary County 4-H members who participated in judging contests at K-State in August and at the State Fair.
Livestock Judging: Cody Brown and Tava Gustafson
Horticulture Judging: Colden Blockcolsky, Kourtney Dibben, Mikayla Dibben, Gracie Erichsen, Macie Muto, Shevy Olson, and Blake Proietti
Photography Judging: Chelsey Armbruster, Braden Blockcolsky, Colden Blockcolsky, Karley Kramer, Macie Muto, Morgan Nabus, and Charles Strauss

FSA Youth Loan Program

The FSA Youth Loan Program is designed to allow youth, ages 10 to 20, to own and operate a modest sized, income producing agricultural enterprise. FSA youth loan projects must have parental or guardian consent, and must be conducted in participation with an established organization, such as 4-H. With a viable business plan, FSA can loan up to \$5,000 to eligible rural youth who wish to gain valuable hands-on business experience as the owner and manager of an agricultural enterprise. Some common youth loan projects have been raising and breeding livestock, growing fruits or vegetables for resale, growing flowers or plants for resale, and producing field crops. Contact the Extension Office or FSA for more information.

**Standards for
Participation in Kansas
FFA and 4-H Youth
Development
Educational
Opportunities**

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.

2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.

3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.

4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.

5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.

6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

**Animals in the
4-H/Senior Citizens
Center**

Just a reminder that the 4-H/Senior Citizens Building Committee has made the decision that no animals will be allowed in the kitchen or dining room at the building and animals will be allowed in the rest of the building by permission only. Please contact the Extension Office if you need to get permission for animals to be allowed in the building (permission has already been given for 4-H Dog project meetings). We ask that all 4-H families follow this policy.

**Happy Birthday
Kansas! Photo Contest**

Young people across Kansas from 1st through 12th grade are invited to enter the Happy Birthday Kansas! Photo Contest between August 15 and December 15, 2021. The contest theme this year is your favorite place in Kansas. Winners will be announced as part of the state's Kansas Day celebration in January at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Contest rules and information for submitting photographs will be available at <https://www.kshs.org/p/happy-birthday-kansas-contest/18622>.

**Photography Leaders
Training at Rock
Springs**

Cameras at the Springs (C.A.T.S.) is a training and networking weekend (Saturday morning October 9th through Sunday morning October 10th) designed to provide project leaders with hands-on photo shooting opportunities, resources from print, web resources, mentors, and materials to use with youth in the photography project. The only cost is transportation to Rock Springs. Up to 24 volunteers are eligible to attend with full scholarship. Adults and youth ages 16 and older are welcome. Contact Pansy Fryman at pansyryman@gmail.com to submit your name by the deadline of Friday, September 24th.

Re-Ignite Your Spark in Kansas 4-H: A Kansas 4-H Volunteer Training

The county component of this training has been cancelled due to lack of RSVP's, but volunteers can still sign up to participate in the virtual presentations which will be held on September 23rd at 7:00pm. Register online by September 21st at <https://tinyurl.com/4HSparkTrain>. Join us for an evening to re-ignite your spark in Kansas 4-H as we hear from current volunteers and passionate 4-H alums. Participants will explore how to find their spark, engage families, and realize the impact they have on youth.

4-H Volunteer Project Leader Training Series

Sessions are designed to provide 4-H volunteer project leaders with tangible ideas and resources they can use to engage 4-H Youth. All sessions will be conducted via Zoom, are free, and will be recorded. Each session is scheduled to start at 6:30pm. The general outline for sessions is as follows:

Sept. 21 – Public Speaking	Sept. 23 – STEM – Rocketry
Sept. 28 – Textile Science	Sept. 30 – Livestock
Oct. 5 – Service Learning	Oct. 7 – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts
Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy	Oct. 14 – Wildlife

Registration is available at

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2h9P3ROvNs8jI2.

September

- 17 Record Books & Award Applications due by 5pm
- 17 Ambassador Applications due by 5pm
- 21 State Fair Exhibits can be picked up at Extension Office after 8am
- 23 Virtual Re-Ignite Your Spark Volunteer Training, 7pm
- 24 Cameras at the Springs Registration Deadline
- 25 Milford Lake Cleanup Day
- 27 NELE registration due

October

- 1 Club Summaries due by 5pm
- 1 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
- 1 National 4-H Conference Applications due
- 1 National 4-H Week yard signs will be delivered
- 1-3 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 4 Record Book Screening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 8:30am to 7pm
- 4 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 6 Ambassador Interviews, evening
- 8 Dog Conference Registration due
- 9-10 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
- 9-10 Cameras at the Springs Photography Leaders Training
- 15 KYLF Registration due
- 15 National 4-H Week yard signs will be picked up
- 16 Northeast Leadership Event @ Rock Springs
- 23-24 Dog Conference @ Rock Springs

November

- 7 Achievement Celebration Set-up @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 1pm
- 7 Achievement Celebration @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 5:30pm
- 14 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper
- 20-21 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
- 29 4-H Officer Training @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:30pm

Calendar of Events

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As the 2020-21 4-H year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered throughout the year. Without volunteers, 4-H would not be possible. We are very fortunate in Geary County to have so many people who care about 4-H and 4-H members!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ginger D. Kopfer".

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact (Ginger Kopfer) two weeks prior to the start of the event at gkopfer@ksu.edu or 785-238-4161. Requests received less than two weeks before the event will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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NATIONAL

4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 3-9, 2021

How can you participate in National 4-H Week?

- Proudly wear a 4-H shirt
- Use the National 4-H Week Facebook photo frame provided by National 4-H
- Create a poster to hang at school or a local business
 - tell about what you can do through 4-H
 - tell about a spark you have found through 4-H
(A spark is a passion for an interest or skill that lights a fire in a young person's life, providing energy, joy, purpose, and direction)
- Hand out pencils and tell people about 4-H sometime during the month of October
 - pencils will be available at October 4-H Club meetings and at the Extension Office (if you are picking up pencils from the Extension Office, please call 785-238-4161 and let us know how many you need so we can have them ready for you)
- Think of your own way to help others learn about 4-H





What is 48 Hours of 4-H?

48 Hours of 4-H is a Kansas 4-H service challenge that was created as a way to challenge 4-H members to explore their service capabilities – “To Make the Best Better” in their communities, counties, and across the state.

When will it be held?

48 Hours of 4-H will be October 9-10, 2021

How can I participate?

In Geary County, we are giving you three options for participation.

- 1) Join 4-H members from Geary and other counties at Rock Springs on Saturday, October 9th from 9am to 3pm. Meet at Johnson Administration Center and bring gloves. Projects will be mostly outdoors, including clearing brush. Lunch will be provided.
- 2) Volunteer at the Junction City Animal Shelter from 9 to 11am on Saturday, October 9th or from 1 to 3pm on Sunday, October 10th. Anyone over 18 will walk dogs, anyone under 18 will play with the cats, clean, and fill Kongs. There is a maximum of 10 volunteers per time slot. Anyone who signs up to volunteer will need to stop by the Extension Office or animal shelter to pick up a waiver and have it notarized (if you would like Christina to serve as notary, please call the Extension Office to make sure she will be available).
- 3) Color and cut out a pumpkin door hanger for Brookdale Senior Living residents. Pumpkins will be mailed to you and you are asked to return them to the Extension Office by October 15th.

How do I sign up?

To volunteer, contact the Extension Office at 238-4161 or email Ginger at gkopfer@ksu.edu by Friday, October 1.

What if I can't participate in any of these options?

Projects can also be done as individuals, so choose a project on your own and complete it October 9 or 10. Make sure to register your project at www.Kansas4-H.org/484H. A list of ideas of things to do can also be found on this website in the 484H Guide.

Let's work together to make a difference in our community!